

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 84 without my signature.

This bill would require elections officials to establish a free access system that allows a vote-by-mail (VBM) voter to determine if his or her ballot was counted.

While I support the author's intent, I believe this will result in additional costs to local governments. Some counties use an existing system that tracks receipt of VBM ballots to provide this information to voters. I would encourage other counties to consider implementing the provisions of this bill if their resources allow, but cannot support mandating them to do so.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger